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In re Application of: )  
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Peter J. WILK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3762  
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Application No.: 09/828,794 ) Examiner: Unknown  
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Filed: April 10, 2001 )  
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For: LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT )  
WITH BLOOD VESSEL GRAFT )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

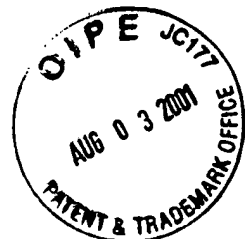
**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 13-23, with the following:

-- Further details regarding conduits and conduit delivery systems are

described in copending patent applications entitled, DESIGNS FOR LEFT  
VENTRICULAR CONDUIT, U.S. Application No. 09/369,048, filed August 4, 1999,  
VALVE DESIGNS FOR LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT, U.S. Application No.  
09/368,393, filed August 4, 1999, LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUITS TO CORONARY  
ARTERIES AND METHODS FOR CORONARY BYPASS, U.S. Application No.



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